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SUBJECT: SIXTH RED CROSS TALKS

SUMMARY: SIXTH RED CROSS TALKS APPARENTLY MADE NO PROGRESS.
DATE OF SEVENTH TALKS WAS SET FOR JULY 11.

1. GENERAL EXPECTATION THAT SIXTH RED CROSS TALKS WOULD NOT GET
ANYWHERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, JUDGING FROM SPOKESMEN'
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BLAND STATEMENTS FOLLOWING SESSIONS MAY 9 AND 10 AND FROM
SPECULATION BY CONTROLLED ROK NEWS MEDIA THAT THE TWO SIDES'
DIFFERING BASIC POSITIONS HAVE NOT CHANGED. SOUTH REPORTEDLY
STRESSED NEED TO PROCEED WITH IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN RED CROSS
OBJECTIVE OF LOCATING AND NOTIFYING THE WHEREABOUTS OF MEMBERS
OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, WHILE NORTH MAINTAINED THAT SOCIAL AND
POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH MUST BE CHANGED BEFORE RED CROSS
CAN PROCEED TO RESTORE BROKEN FAMILY AND NATIONAL TIES. ONLY
CONCRETE AGREEMENT REPORTED WAS DATE OF SEVENTH TALKS, TO BEGIN
JULY 11 IN PYONGYANG.

2. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION'S SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

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MAY 8 - TRAVEL TO SEOUL; DINNER AT TOWER HOTEL FOLLOWED BY MOVIE.

MAY 9 - FIRST MEETING (LASTED ONE HOUR THIRTY MINUTES); LUNCH SEPARATELY AT TOWER HOTEL; VIEWED TWO FILMS AT HOTEL; SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF SEOUL BY BUS AND SEDANS; DRINKS AND DINNER WITH KNRC DELEGATES AT TOWER HOTEL HOSTED BY ROK CHIEF DELEGATE YI BUM- SUK.

MAY 10 - SECOND MEETING (LASTED TWO HOURS); LUNCH SEPARATELY AT HOTEL; TOUR OF CHANGKYONGWON ZOO; DINNER HOSTED BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE CO- CHAIRMAN YI HU RAK.

MAY 11 - DEPART SEOUL AT 0900; CROSS TO NORTH SIDE AT PANMUNJOM 1100.

3. WE EXPECT TO SEE CHIEF DELEGATE YI BUM SUK ON MAY 12 AND RECEIVE HIS ACCOUNT OF THE TALKS.
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